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1. COMMERCE DEPT NOW CONSIDERING WHETHER TO WAIVE PROVISIONS OF MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT FOR IMPORT INTO U.S. OF BABY FUR SEALS FROM NAMIBIA (TERRITORY IN SOUTHWEST AFRICA ILLEGALLY OCCUPIED BY REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA.) COUNSEL FOR U.S. COMPANY SEEKING WAIVER HAS ASSERTED THAT NORWEGIAN AND WEST GERMAN COMPANIES ARE NOW PURCHASING FROM SOUTH AFRICA BABY SEAL PELTS ORIGINATING IN NAMIBIA.

2. ONE OF ISSUES IN CASE IS WHETHER IMPORT OF SUCH PELTS VIOLATES INTERNATIONAL LAW. DEPT VIEW IS THAT IT DOES.
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WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSEE POSTS FINDING OUT FOLLOWING ASAP
FROM APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS: (1)
WHETHER LOCAL COMPANIES ARE IMPORTING NAMIBIAN BABY FUR
SEALS; (2) IF SO, WHETHER FOREIGN OFFICE VIEWS SUCH IMPORTS
AS CONSISTENT WITH INTERNATIONAL LEGAL OBLIGATIONS REGARDING
NAMIBIA EXPRESSED IN INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE OPINION
OF JUNE 1971 AND SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 276(1970)
AND 301 (1971), AND WHY. INGERSOLL

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